Volz' anticipation of hearings, based on materials provided by committee, is that they will show nothing new but will ends some rumors. Cuebela rehash. CE 237 picture to be cleared up, how it got identified as LHO. Volz repeats as if new the CIA's explanation that its camera wasn't working....Identifies Kostikov as KGB only, with no embassy functions. Handler of spies.

Nina Totenberg rehashes Hart-Nosenko story.

Blakey intros Cuba as important JFK concern. Says WC explored possibility of Cuban connection, without saying how superficials it was and thus giving the oppsoite impression. Also misreprents status US-Cuba at time assassination. WC also explored conspiracy allegations related to Cuba and rejected them. "History has not permitted so simple a solution" to so complex a ssituation. Because of CIA plots vs. Castro.

Nots Cuban-Attwood meeting of 9/5/63 and Castro's meeting with Daniel.

Says "the critics" allege conspiracy and cite CE 237 as proof, which is only part of how he lumps all together. Cites Lane and "another widely circulated report" that Oswald said he would assassinate ~~Castro~~ JFK. Effort to criticize all criticism.

Complains about Soviet non-cooperation with HSCA. Asked for"KGB surveillance files on Oswald," what they represented previous hearing did not exist. (Nosenko hearing 9/15.) Says USSR basis of non-cooperations is accusations againt it inherent and inappropriate for a major power to dignify.

First witness to have been Sylvia Duran Tirados"It has not been possible to secure" her presence. So Gary Cornwall narrates. 3 staffers did interview Duran. 6/6/78. Mexican govt agreed she could come and testify. She agreed. "Unexpected business engagements of hers prevented her presence today." Displays her photo. Has transcript ident. 440A, tape recording of excerpts interview 439 for ident. Admitted into evid. Recording played. Her birthday 11/22, born 1937? Tape played begins top p.5 transcript.

They taped her under conditions that pick up street noise, esp. traffic.

Rezumes p. 19 transcript, near bottom.

Says LHO asked for visa. En route to USSR. End side 1 tape 1.

Skips to transcript p/25 near bottom.

LHO there on one day only. Have been claims three days, not true. Neginning on a Friday. Asked Thursday then Friday, She says not possible. Came back same day he was thefe second time that day only.

She would not have typed required affidavit until she had all she needed so she did not do his because he had no picture, something LHO should have known required.

LHO flashed "credentials" as friend revolution. WC rehash. Why did he preduce "all these documents" Apparently vo,untary on his part. She asked if he was a Communist why he did not have CP arrange his trip. He said he didn't have time.

Skips to p.40, near top. They lead her throughout layout consulate re LHO's return about 6 p.m. LHO said he already had his Russian visa. Did not show it, so she did not see it. She called Russian consul who said LHO had only applied for visa. She told him this and he went through rigamarole about his friendship for revolution. When she got nowehere with LHO she went for consul. Azque came and told him he'd have to wait. To go away. Azque opened door for LHO. Duran felt sorry for LHO. No indication he understood Spanish. She worked Saturdays. They keep asking her if LHO could have returned then and she sais no again. She recalls the fight. Skip to 47, near top.

Asks her if LHO indicated intent to kill JFK so he reads from Daniel Schoor's book. P. 177 Colmer Clark-Castro interview alleges Castro said this. She says she recalls nothing like that, only that LHO alleged transit interest in getting to Cuba. She would have recalled anytning like that. Phone interrupted. to end first tape.

When JFK killed and she saw LHO picture even then she saw nothing relevent in his visit.

She does not think he killed JFK, based on her contacts with him. Spoke to her then husband and his brother, etc. Connected with what, for what purpose? They agreed with her. Interviews in record. Nust be excerpts because Fauntroy has him says in files. Call

Azque, now retired. Stokes says they have security provisions for and on him. All stay seated when he enters and leaves. 60s, white hair, mustache. Swears interpreter.

Michael Standerl of Boundin firm represents. Identifies those who accompany.

Speaks for Cuban government in condemning crime, etc. Cuba always cooperative.

Cornwell questions. Eusebio Azque Lopez. 67. Born Havana. 1963 was consul. In Mexico since 1944. He had been architect. Time of revolution asked to take charge consulate. Last date 11/18/63 but began to turn affairs over to new consul in September. Mirabal. Ex 403, photo and enlargement. 9/27/63 visa application LHO. Asked if on interview he had seen LHO 1-3 days prior to that date he says can8t sau whether that day or day or so earlier...LHO asked him to decide on immediate visa. Refused on inadequate documentation. LHO left for photos. Days he saw LHO on 3 occasions, one without , one with photo. Morning hours 10-2. Told LHO would take time but he could give visa if LHO had USSR visa/ Possible for resident USSR married to USSR citizen. With passing of so much time not certain of sequence but is of date on application. A third visit would have been on 28th. USSR consulate told Azque LHO's documents, although probably corect, can't get visa without Moscow okay. Phone conversation.

LHO most insistent applicant they ever had. Did not sign application in Azque's presence. Says apllication does not leave secretary's desk. Six complete copies required. Signed one at a time. (Recess)

Pictures on original and carbon of visa application appear to be one he saw for first time when showed by committee this year in Cuba. Believes not same person he saw. Can't guarantee or be categorical.

When he saw movie of Ruby shooting LHO not able to indentify. 12/63. Says man at consulate over 30 years old.

Negative identification passport photo. Differences include hard face, thick (?) eyebrows, cold, hard eyes, teeth "thin", nose very straight and pointed. Heavier. Thinks that now he could pick out from grpup 100.

Shown Dallas police pix.

Cornwell had no doubt about LHO pictures of one who was there. Azque does not change opinion. Thinks he is better obs erver.

Preyer: printed date on visa application, 10/10/63. What is it? Probably added in Cuba. Preyer says this could not indicate LHO still in Mexico 10/10/ and Azque is emphatic.

Had nothing to do with preparation of form and had no occasion to look at photo.

Was shown album photos by committee in Cuba. Aware all photoed by spooks. Says of face among them the committee as well as he would have recognized.

Preyer asks is he would still believe the man not LHO is handwriting analysis showed it to be LHO's signature. Ans., would accept handwriting analysis.

Recess.

Despite prior CIA pretenses, Azque was shown album of people entering and leaving Cuban Mexico City embassy.

After recess Preyer went into a long concatination of childish questions beginning with the friendships of people who owrked together to merely ask what he knew could not be true and would be denied, that Oswald was present at a Duran aprty and that in a conversation it was stated that JFK had to be killed, with LHO saying maybe he would do it.

Then Dodd picks up on the same kangaroo-court manner. His dodge is that if the wrong picture was on the application there was complicity. Tries to make out again that Azque was involved in the preparation and examination of the application, wtc.

Obviously these are cheap shots of prejudicial nature. An example of the non-accidental quality is the absence of reading from the Duran tape and transcripts of any questioning of her on this, to resolve this. The stories on the face are irrational, as was the Clark story with which Preyer began after recess, by reading what could not possibly have been real.

Sawyer takes up with a political line, Azque was an exile. Azque says it was voluntary on his part, that he left voluntarily at Machado's time. Azque was in Europe about 10 years prior to Mexico. He is followed by others with a similar red-baiting line. Unfactual assumptions are basic in this, like were LHO's US CP credentials legitimate.

Of course there is inherent the basic assumption that all that happened could be anticipated and was, thus all knew and recalled everything, including what did not happen. Perfect recollection of all events, etc., including non-events. This extends to internal reference to Azque's testimony, where parts are ignored in representation of the evidence before the committee on applications.

They try to get him to say that Oswald told him about his radar experience. Azque answers this would have been contrary to all the rest of Oswald's representations and would have been inconsistent with the nature of the appeal he was making for a visa.

During period before session started Volz described committee's practise is "set them up and knock them down."

Blakey says they have two signatures on two visa applications for h andwriting analysis. Compared, with signature on N.O. arrest record and passport application. Conclusion: Oswald's writing.

Alfredo Mirabal Diaz, succeeded Azque as consul in Mexico City. Michael Goldsmith questions, again through translator. He was consul from 9/2/63, for 11 months.

He heard voices and sensed there was an effort to create a scandal, a disturbance.

Did not take good look but thinks probably same person whose picture is on application.

Goldsmith, without identification of source, reads the identical Clark nonsense, thus getting an obvious and very prejudicial fake into the records again and again on coast-to-coast broadcasts. He denounces it and says could not have happened and didn't. End questioning, which would appear to be for this one purpose plus contradiction of Azque on whether or not it really was LHO who was there. Because deposition or affidavit would have covered that I presume the purpose was ultra political end.

Duran did all paperworks on applications.

His familiarity is from having seen the photo attached to the applicationnafter it had been prepared.

Says Oswald had "new" CP card, which he regarded as exceptional-even that he had and used a card. I believe this is not in WC stuff.